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SUBJECT: NEW RAILWAY LINE COMPLETED IN WEST SIBERIAN OIL AND
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1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS AND TELEVISION AUGUST 5/6 HAVE GIVEN BIG PLAY TO COMPLETION OF TYUMEN-SURGUT RAILWAY LINE WHICH EXTENDS 860 KILOMETERS FROM TYUMEN TO SURGUT ON NORTH BANK OF OB' RIVER IN WESTERN SIBERIA. INAUGURATION OF LINE COINCIED WITH FIRST RAIL TRAFFIC OVER 2.5 KILOMETER BRIDGE ACROSS THE OB', ONE OF LONGEST IN USSR. LINE WILL CONTINUE FROM SURGUT EASTWARDS IN DIRECTION OF NIZHNEVARTOVSK AND TO SAMOTLOR WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE FIRST RAIL TRAFFIC IN 1976.

2. COMPLETION OF SURGUT LINE, REPORTEDLY RUNNING ABOUT ONE YEAR AHEAD OF PLAN, WILL GIVE IMPORTANT BOOST TO DEVELOPMENT OF OIL, NATURAL GAS AND GAS CONDENSATE DEPOSITS NORTH OF THE OB' AND IN SAMOTLOR AREA.

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